

Dear Chairman Powell and Commissioners,

I want to be informed about the political and electoral issues that affect my life, and I am disillusioned by the lack of informative and unbiased television programming.

Our democracy is at risk when most Americans don't know or understand the basic facts about the candidates or the issues, as was the case in the 2000 elections.

Since broadcasters have clearly failed in their obligation to serve the public interest, the FCC should define meaningful public interest requirements that include local civic and electoral affairs programming. At a minimum, broadcasters should air three hours per week of unbiased local civic and electoral affairs programming, with at least two hours devoted to substantive unbiased election coverage in the six weeks prior to Election Day.

As the elections approach, a well-functioning democracy demands that citizens have access to a diversity of opinions and voices on the choices confronting us.

Sincerely,

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